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# 2011 ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE REPORT

FORM  
**SA-44** (DRAFT)

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### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Any significant change in this EIN's operations should be noted in 12.
- For establishments sold or acquired in 2011 or 2010, report data only for the period the establishments were operated by this EIN.
- Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.
- Enter "0" where applicable.

### INCLUDE

- All retail establishments located in the U.S. (including the District of Columbia) reporting payroll on its latest Employer's Federal Tax Return (Treasury Form 941 or 944), **under the Employer Identification Number (EIN)** shown in 1.
- Data for auxiliary facilities primarily engaged in supporting services to this EIN's establishment(s) such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices, and repair services.

### EXCLUDE

- Data for establishments operated by other firms, such as franchises.
- Departments and concessions operated by other firms in this EIN's establishment(s).
- Data for establishments located in U.S Territories (such as Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands and Northern Mariana Islands).

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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**1 FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)**

Does this firm report payroll under EIN

Yes

No - Enter current 9-digit EIN **AND** date payroll was first reported for this EIN . . . . .

EIN (9 digits)		
	-	
Month	Day	Year

**2 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE**

**A. Did this EIN experience any acquisitions, sales, mergers, and/or divestitures in 2011 or 2010?**

Yes

No - Go to **3**

**B. Which of the following organizational changes occurred in 2011 or 2010?**

Check all that apply. If more than one organizational change occurred during the reporting period, explain in **14**.

Acquisition

Sale

Merger

Divestiture

Date of organizational change . . . . .

AND

Enter detailed information below ↴

Month	Day	Year

Name of company	EIN (9 digits)	
		-
Address (Number and street, P.O. Box, etc.)		
City	State	ZIP Code
		-

**3 REPORTING PERIOD**

What time period is covered by the data provided in this report?

Calendar year

Fiscal or partial year - Report beginning and ending dates . . . . .

2011			2010		
Beginning Date			Beginning Date		
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Ending Date			Ending Date		
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

**4 NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS**

How many retail establishments, including departments and concessions, did this EIN operate? . . . . .

The remainder of this report refers to the establishments reported here.

2011	2010

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**5 SALES, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE**

**INCLUDE**

- Credit and cash sales of merchandise
- E-commerce sales if not submitted on a separate Annual Retail Trade Report
- Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) which are included in the cost of goods purchased by this EIN
- Wholesale sales made by retail establishment(s) covered by this report
- Receipts from the rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
- Receipts from deliveries
- Receipts from installations, maintenance contracts, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Value of trade-ins taken as partial payment for other merchandise
- Value of manufacturers' rebates
- Leased departments and concessions operated in other establishments
- Shipping and handling revenues
- Advertising revenues

**EXCLUDE**

- Sales from auxiliary establishments
- Carrying or other finance charges
- Commissions (such as vending machine operators, government lottery tickets, or other stores)
- Non-operating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Sales made by departments and concessions operated by other firms in this EIN's retail establishment(s)
- Refunds and allowances for returned goods
- The actual value of rebates and discounts granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowances

**A. What were the total sales of merchandise and other operating receipts for this EIN in 2011 and 2010?** . . . . .

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

**B. Did this EIN collect any sales taxes in 2011 or 2010?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **6**

**C. What were the total sales taxes collected in 2011 and 2010?**  
*Exclude excise taxes.* . . . . .

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

**6 E-COMMERCE**

*E-commerce is the sale of goods and services where the buyer places an order, or the price and terms of the sale are negotiated, over an Internet, mobile device (M-Commerce), extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other comparable online system. Payment may or may not be made online.*

**A. Did this EIN have any e-commerce sales in 2011 or 2010?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **8**

**B. What were the total e-commerce sales in 2011 and 2010?** . . . . .

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

**7** Not Applicable.

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**8 VALUE OF INVENTORIES**

**INCLUDE**

- All inventories of merchandise covered by this report, including all auxiliary locations (such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices) servicing these establishments, regardless of where held
- Inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the United States
- Report at cost or market value as of the end of your reporting period

**EXCLUDE**

- Merchandise owned by others that are being held on consignment

**A. Did this EIN own inventories, regardless of where held, at the end of 2011 or 2010 (or the end of the period for which you are reporting)?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **10**

**B. What was the value of merchandise inventories as of December 31 in 2011 and 2010?**

1. Merchandise inventories in retail stores
2. Merchandise inventories in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to retail stores . . . . .
3. **Total inventories (if applicable, before Last-in, First-out (LIFO) adjustment)**  
*Sum of 8B1 and 8B2.* . . . . .
4. LIFO reserve (if applicable)  
*Enter zero if not applicable.* . . . . .
5. Total inventories after LIFO adjustment  
**8B3 minus 8B4.** . . . . .

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

**C. Were inventories reported as of December 31?**

- Yes - Go to **3E**
- No

2011			2010		
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

**D. If no, inventories were reported as of what date? . . . . .**

**E. Were any of the inventories reported in 8B3 stored outside, or en route to, the 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2011 or 2010?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **9**

**F. What was the value of the inventories stored outside, or en route to, the 50 states and District of Columbia in 2011 and 2010 (for sale in the 50 states or District of Columbia)?**

*Exclude inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the U.S. .*

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

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**9 INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD**

**A. Were any of the inventories reported in 8B3 subject to the LIFO valuation method?**

Yes

No - Go to 10

**B. How much of the inventory reported in 8B3 was subject to:**

1. LIFO valuation method before adjustment . . . . .
2. Any other valuation method . . . . .
3. Verify Total  
Sum of 9B1 and 9B2. Total must equal 8B3. . . . .

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

**10 TOTAL PURCHASES**

**INCLUDE**

- Cash and credit purchases by this EIN
- Merchandise owned, but in transit to this EIN
- Purchases made by both your warehouse(s) and establishment(s)
- Freight, delivery, and other transportation costs
- Import duties (if paid separately)
- Parts and supplies used in repair work or other services

**EXCLUDE**

- Expenditures for supplies, equipment, and parts purchased for this EIN's own use
- Purchases made by other firms operating departments and concessions in this establishment(s)
- Purchase of merchandise held outside the U.S.
- Purchase of containers, wrappings, packaging, and selling supplies for this EIN's own use
- Trade and cash discounts, returns, and allowances

**What was the total cost of all merchandise purchased for resale for which this EIN took title, whether or not payment was made, in 2011 and 2010?**

If purchases are greater than sales, explain in 14.

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

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**11A ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES**

Did this EIN extend credit to customers at any of its retail establishments or departments and concessions covered by this report in 2011 or 2010?

• Exclude credit that is provided by others, such as banks, finance corporations, oil or other credit card issuing companies. Exclude credit extended to commercial customers.

Yes

No - Go to 13

**Definitions of Accounts Receivable**

**Open or revolving accounts** - Retail credit that is extended on a credit-line basis. A single contract governs multiple use of the account and purchases may or may not be made with a credit card. Generally, credit extensions can be made at the customer's discretion, provided that the outstanding balance does not exceed a prearranged credit limit. The amount of repayment is also made at the discretion of the customer, subject to a prearranged minimum usually with the option of paying the balance in full.

**Closed or non-revolving accounts** - Retail credit accounts for which full payment is scheduled to be made at the end of the customary billing period or installment contracts that specify a fixed schedule of payments and the amount and due date for the payment.

**11B ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES**

Mark (X) to indicate if types of credit are extended and report balances as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 for account types this EIN extends. Exclude credit extended to commercial customers.

**1. Types of accounts**

a. Open (revolving) accounts

Yes . . . . .

No

b. Closed (non-revolving) accounts

Yes . . . . .

No

**2. What was the total balance of accounts receivable in 2011 and 2010?**

Sum of 11B1a and 11B1b. . . . .

Balance outstanding as of December 31, 2010				Balance outstanding as of December 31, 2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

12 Not Applicable.

**13 OPERATING EXPENSES**

**INCLUDE**

- Expenses arising from the normal course of business
- Payroll

**EXCLUDE**

- Bad debt
- Purchases of goods for resale or cost of goods sold
- Income taxes
- Sales and other taxes collected directly from customers and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal government agency
- Interest expenses
- Impairment (reduction in value of long-lived assets due to reappraisal)
- Capitalized expenses (except payroll and fringe benefits)

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

What were the total operating expenses for this EIN in 2011 and 2010? . . . . .

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**14 REMARKS** - Please use this space to explain any significant year-to-year changes, to clarify responses, or indicate where data were estimated.

*(This area is intentionally left blank for remarks.)*

**15 CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name of person to contact regarding this report <i>(Please print)</i>					Title					
Address - Number and street					City			State	ZIP Code	
Telephone	Area code	Number		Extension	Fax	Area code	Number			
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**THANK YOU**  
**for completing your 2011 ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE REPORT.**  
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